Hyrule onder vuur

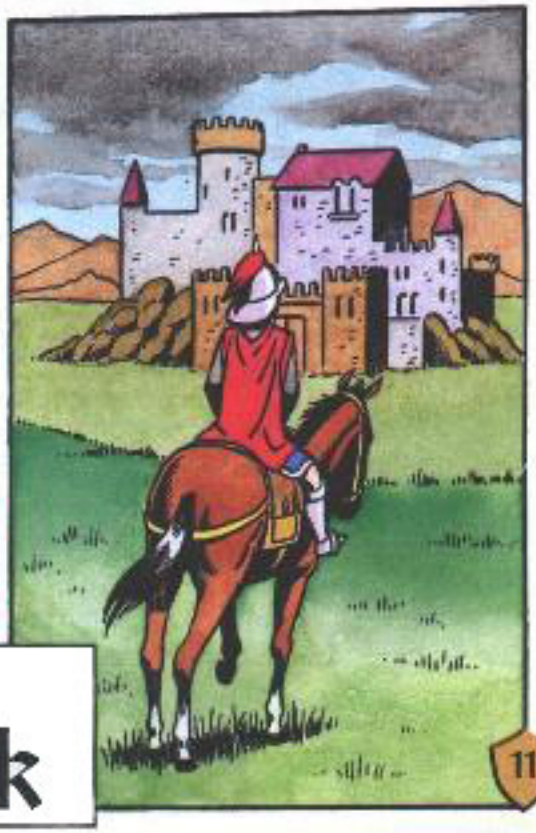
(Hyrule under fire)

Long before he left the Kokiri Forest and heard about Zelda, Link was growing up prosperously with his parents in Hyrule. Until war with its evils struck down upon the land...

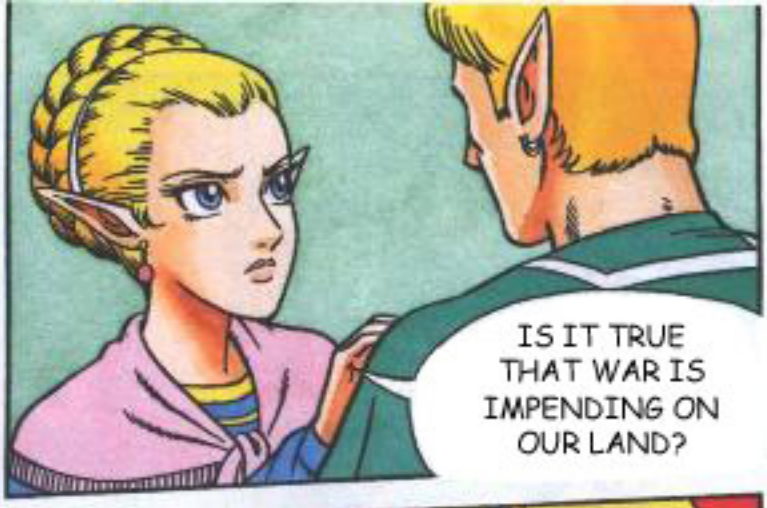
A rider crosses the peaceful country of Hyrule. He is a royal soldier.

For a few days now, the soldier has been able to call himself the proud father of a beautiful son. The name of his son is...

Link



I SALUTE YOU, BEAUTIFUL LADIES.
WE'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU...


IS IT TRUE THAT WAR IS IMPENDING ON OUR LAND?

IT IS TRUE, MY BELOVED.
WE HAVE TO PREPARE FOR THE WORST...

The people have divided into camps.
One side wishes to get get mixed up in the war between the Gorons and the Zora...
...the others want to maintain the neutrality of Hyrule.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

HYRULE HAS NEVER INTERFERED IN THE WARS OF OTHER PEOPLE, EXCEPT TO SMOOTH CONFLICTS.
WE MUST KEEP IT THIS WAY. THE GERUDO HAVE SPREAD DISSENSION AMONG THE PEOPLE OF HYRULE. THEY HAVE DARK PLANS...

WHAT SHOULD WE DO WITH OUR SON?

HE WILL NOT BECOME A CHILD OF WAR...

HE WON'T GROW UP IN THE MIDDLE OF DEATH AND MISERY...

AS SOON AS THE WAR BEGINS, WE WILL FLEE FROM HYRULE, AND BUILD UP OUR LIVES IN A DIFFERENT PLACE.

THAT IS A GOOD PLAN, MY STURDY HUSBAND...

I'M NOT SO SURE...

I THINK I CAN GIVE SOME ADVICE...
!?

AN OLD LEGEND TELLS ABOUT THE KOKIRI PEOPLE...
...WHO LIVE PEACE-FULLY IN THE WOODS NEARBY. BUT NO ONE HAS EVER DARED TO ENTER THESE WOODS...

OUR HOPE IS THE KOKIRI.
SO BE IT.
STORM THE CASTLE!
But that same night, evil came. A rebellious mob united to assault the castle and dethrone the king. On that fateful night, it was decided that Link's father was to be head of the guards...
SOLDIERS, GATHER TO ME!
THE REBELS ARE GOING TO ASSAULT THE CASTLE! DEFEND THE KING AND OUR FREEDOM WITH YOUR LIFE!
NO MERCY!

THE REBELS HAVE ENTERED THE FORTRESS!
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
ATTACK!
TO HELL WITH YOU, BETRAYERS!
HELP!
WHAT?
THE KING!

MY KING... HYRULE...
LINK...
BUT MOTHER, AM I TO LEAVE YOU HERE TO YOUR FATE?
YOUR HUSAND HAS FALLEN. FLEE, IF YOU VALUE YOUR LIFE AND THAT OF YOUR CHILD.
I AM AN OLD WOMAN... THIS IS MY HOME. HERE I WAS BORN, AND HERE IS WHERE I WILL DIE...
FAREWELL THEN, DEAR MOTHER!

De vlucht naar Kokiri

(Escape to the Kokiri)

WILL I EVER BE ABLE TO FIND THE WOODS FROM THE LEGEND?

IT SEEMS THAT I'M BEING FOLLOWED BY A SHADOW...

!?

WHO...
WHO IS THERE? MAKE YOURSELF KNOWN!

YOU DON'T KNOW ME, BUT I HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING YOU FOR A WHILE...
YOUR SON WAS BORN UNDER A GOOD CONSTELLATION. HE IS VERY SPECIAL...

YOU ARE ON THE RIGHT PATH. BRING YOUR CHILD TO THE KOKIRI...

THERE AWAITS THE GUARDIAN OF THAT WOODS...
THE KOKIRI CALL HIM THE DEKU TREE.

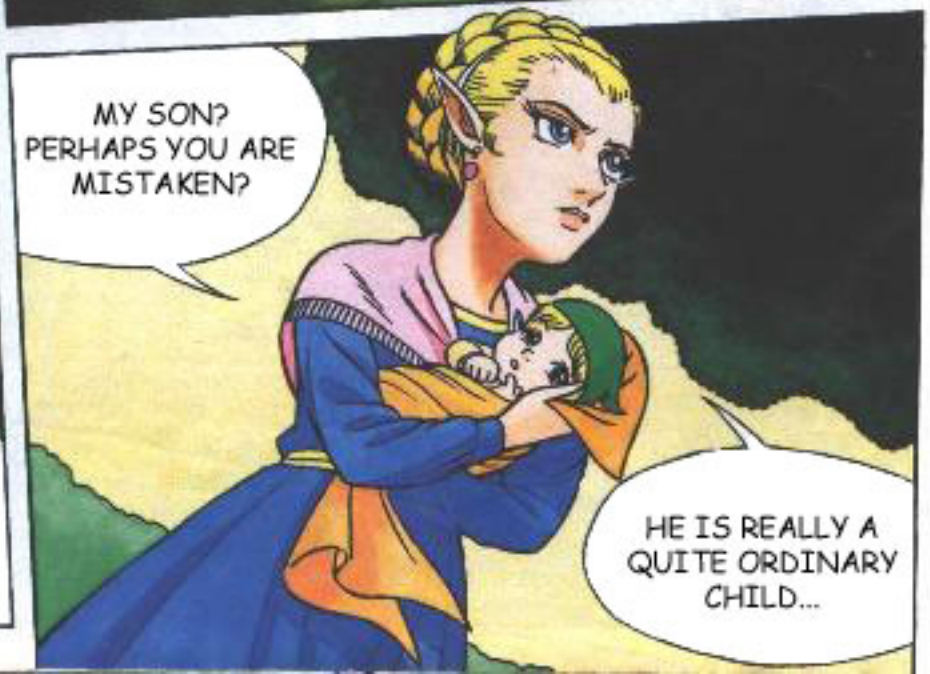
DEKU TREE?! YOU DARE TO JEST!

And so Link's mother, with her son, entered the mysterious forest of the Kokiri. She knew that every step could be their last...

!?
GREETINGS, BRAVE LADY!

I AM THE GUARDIAN OF THE WOODS, THE GUARDIAN OF THE FOREST...
!?
I HAVE BEEN EXPECTING YOU. YOUR COMING WAS FORESEEN!

YOUR SON IS THE CHOSEN ONE. HE WILL PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE FUTURE OF HYRULE.


MY SON? PERHAPS YOU ARE MISTAKEN?
HE IS REALLY A QUITE ORDINARY CHILD...

Even though the brave woman knew very well what was awaiting her, she doubted not a single moment. The fate of her son was more important than anything.

And so it happened that Link's mother changed into a tree. Since then, she has become a part of the immortal Kokiri Forest.

Link now began a new life. He grew up with the Kokiri, learning their language, wearing their clothes... he almost became one of them. Only one thing made him different from the others. Link had no guardian fairy... not yet.

During the escape with his mother, Link was too young to understand what was going on. But even so, he felt attracted to a certain tree in the Kokiri Forest... Some of the inhabitants were not always as friendly to Link as the others. Because he didn't have a fairy, he was kind of the odd one out.

Indeed, it was time for Link. How the story continues you can find out yourself in THE LEGEND OF ZELDA - OCARINA OF TIME